Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 at 02:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a trend to less changeable conditions, lower for timing and extent of areas of cloud and occasional rain.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021: Mainly cloudy with occasional light rain in the morning then brighter and mainly dry in the afternoon, but some rain in evening. Windy with severe summit gales and high wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	30%	70%	30%	70%

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Weather: A rather cloudy morning with some mostly light showery rain, but brighter and mainly dry in the afternoon, with some sunny intervals though still some showers over Ben Vrackie and Ben Lawers, becoming cloudy after dusk with some rain in the evening, though clearing towards midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% morning, improving to 80% through afternoon. 30% after dark.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite extensive through the morning above around 400-600m but will lift from the west from mid to late morning with most, if not all summits becoming cloud free in the afternoon, though broken sometimes overcast cloud after dark down to 500 or 600m. Generally good visibility below the cloud base, but hazy in showery rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	55/64 SW	54/64 SW	47/58 SW	41/52 SW	36/46 SW	34/43 SW	38/49 SW
900	38/48 SW	38/48 SW	34/46 SW	30/41 SW	25/35 SW	24/34 SW	27/38 SW
600	25/42 SW	24/42 SW	23/40 SW	21/38 SW	17/31 SW	19/33 SW	21/37 SW
300	15/34 SW	16/35 SW	18/36 SW	17/34 SW	10/23 SW	12/26 SW	14/30 SW
Glen	14/32 SW	15/32 SW	17/34 SW	15/31 SW	10/22 SW	9/21 SW	11/25 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	1/-9	1/-9	1/-8	1/-8	0/-8	-0/-9	-2/-11
900	3/-5	3/-5	3/-4	3/-4	2/-4	2/-5	0/-7
600	5/-1	5/-1	6/0	6/1	4/-0	4/-2	3/-3
300	7/4	8/4	9/6	9/6	7/4	6/3	5/1
Glen	8/4	8/5	10/7	10/7	8/5	7/4	5/2
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1300m	1300m	1200m	1100m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sunshine, albeit limited, likely to give glare off the remaining snowpack. Goggles will offer best protection against this and the strong winds. A significant chill at height, but mild on lower slopes

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Weather: A cold and windy day with scattered showers. Showers falling as snow above 600-700m and rain and hail below this. Some bright or sunny interludes between these, especially through afternoon as showers tend to fade. A dry evening.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 40 gusting 60mph, decreasing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% morning, 70% afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good, but some brief reductions as showers pass through. These could bring cloud down to 600-800m in the west but generally cloud will be broken with higher bases, especially in afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to Plus 8C.
At 800m: 0C.
Freezing level: 800m.

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